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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was improved and at least steady in the Northeast, steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light to moderate at best with few features. Food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food and casual dining facilities. Supplies were usually sufficient to instances well cleared. In the parts structure, wings were barely adequate to short, tight for larger cuts, and moving well. Dark meat was close balanced to adequate with thigh meat often short, and breast items were irregularly available, but barely adequate for tenders. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 69.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 64.25 cents last year on September 4, 2002.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	208.50
BREASTS - B/S	202.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	102.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	86.00
LEG QUARTERS	33.00
WINGS	81.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was moderate at best with light trading. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were close to tight for an active call. Dark meat was close to balanced and moving, and breast items were at least adequate with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to light. Offerings were sufficient but somewhat less available than early week. Retail and distributive movement was fair where restocking was reported but usually slow elsewhere. The market tone improved but was generally steady. In the parts complex, breasts items were adequate to available. Dark meat cuts wings and tenderloins were usually clearing.

**MIDWEST** Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Producer offerings were mostly moderate, instances heavy for the light to fair buyer interest. Fill in trade noted on 3 up Wogs at 50 cents into the Chicago area. Retail demand was light to fair. Food service movement was fair to fairly good, best into fast food promotions and casual dining. Floor stocks were mostly in balance to occasionally long. Weights were in a desirable range. Supplies of large wings were tight; regular wings, thigh meat and tenders were in close balance, leg quarters adequate and breast items adequate to fully available. The market tone was steady to firm on large wings, thigh meat and tenders, steady to barely steady on breast items and steady on the balance of items.

**WESTERN** The market tone was generally steady. Offerings easily adequate to cover trade needs. Buying activity was moderate. Retail demand was best for parts and features and overall fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate. Trade sentiment was fully steady on leg quarters and wings, about steady on balance of parts.

## CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 08/30/03	2003	2002	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	203,412	204,042	0
CHICKS PLACED	168,375	166,470	+01

## Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 30, 2003. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## Broiler Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 30, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through August 30, 2003 were 5.89 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 11-Oct-03 is estimated at 155.2 million head. This compares to 155.4 million head the previous week and to 157.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.0 million head and the composite weighted average price 52.97 cents per pound.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	897	156.00-238.00	167-171	167.61
TENDERLOINS	212	156.00-218.00	157-160	166.16
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	95.00-107.00	-	97.11
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	99	29.00-50.00	32-33	34.55
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	653	27.00-29.00	27	27.13
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,000	29.00-35.00	29-31	30.64
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	73.00-89.00	-	84.47
WINGS (CUT)	485	80.00-91.00	82-84	85.43
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	80	77.00-92.00	-	80.75

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAY 28, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.50 - 58.00	55.90	55.88

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

Trucklot buying activity was cautious and selective on breast items with offerings generally sufficient for needs. Offerings of dark meat cuts ranged from close balanced to adequate with thigh meat often short. The balance of cuts were closely cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm on b/s thighs and wings, fully steady on leg quarters and generally steady on balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME LBS
BREAST - B/S	175-180	176.01	537,230
TENDERLOINS	150	148.95	138,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	90.34	308,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	86.70	137,240
LEGS	37-38	37.30	287,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.63	626,336
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	37.96	169,060
THIGHS	26-27	37.82	87,540
B/S THIGHS	73-74	75.15	111,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	69-70	75.67	187,620
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.98	37,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	26.80	22,300
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	38.64	39,870

NOTES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	09/03	09/02	09/01	08/29	09/01	08/29	08/27	08/25		
ALA	4,070	4,166	(A)	4,367	(A)	4.94	4,051	5.15		
ARK	5,031	3,880	(A)	5,585	(A)	4.69	5,342	4.96		
DELMARVA	2,375	2,357	(A)	2,632	Holiday	5.20	2,318	5.39		
KY-LA-TN	1,980	2,010	(A)	2,246	(A)	4.57	1,928	4.86		
MISS	3,003	3,042	(A)	3,122	(A)	5.33	3,037	5.46		
NC	2,515	2,525	(A)	2,659	(A)	5.87	2,465	6.13		
TEXAS	2,302	2,506	(A)	2,486	(A)	4.93	2,525	5.06		
TOTAL	21,276	20,486	5,060	24,052	4.28	5.07	21,666	5.24		
MON-WED	47,250(B)						64,444(B)			

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 9/3 is estimated to be 31,831,000 down 2.1 percent from a week ago and down 1.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,512,000; last year 32,327,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	107-109
	ICE PACK	100-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	113
	ICE PACK	104-105
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	91-98
DUCKS		155-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 06-SEP-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/06/03 (1)	08/30/03
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	141,296 (2)	165,127
LT HENS	1,069	1,340
HVY HENS	1,382	1,610
CHECK TOTAL	143,747	168,077

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Sep-03 is 156.1 million head compared to 141.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 141.6 million head or 14.5 million less than estimated available. For week of 13-Sep-03 the estimated available is 157.1 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 09/01/03	221,358	58,470
AM 08/01/03	217,186	59,026
CHG	4,172	-556
PCT CHG	2	-1

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	9/02/03	8/25/03	9/2/02	9/02/03	8/25/03	9/2/02
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	20,408	20,145	31,418	9,601	6,863	5,322
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	472	433	1,318	2,330	2,446	3,364

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2003

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		58-65
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-76

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 9/2/03

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.40	.63	HEAVY FOWL ea.	3.50	6.00	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	1.20	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	4.75	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.00	6.75	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.30	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.30	.85	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	1.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.75	1.60	1.15	ROOSTERS ea.	1.75	3.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	3.00	3.25	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.35	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.60	1.50	.91	DUCKS ea.	2.50	4.75	-
RABBITS lb.	.95	1.20	1.07	RABBITS ea.	-	3.75	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	3.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.25	7.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 92

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending August 29, 2003

	Whole		Legs	Necks,Back	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	w/ Thighs	&Wings	Gizzards	
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	49.68	107.64	62.10	12.42	12.42	51.75
High	53.82	115.92	70.38	16.56	16.56	51.75
Mostly	51.75	115.92	70.38	12.42	12.42	51.75

**SAN JUAN**

Low	48.85	107.64	62.10	8.28	12.42	49.68
High	52.99	115.92	66.24	16.56	16.56	49.68
Mostly	51.75	107.64	62.10	12.42	12.42	49.68

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	48.85	107.64	62.10	12.42	12.42	51.75
High	53.82	115.92	70.38	16.56	16.56	51.75
Mostly	51.34	107.64	66.24	12.42	12.42	51.75

**BECERRA**

Low	49.68	107.64	66.24	8.28	12.42	51.75
High	53.82	115.92	74.52	16.56	16.56	51.75
Mostly	51.34	115.92	74.52	12.42	12.42	51.75

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to good and sufficient in keeping seller offerings generally well cleared to short of immediate needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 57 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, boneless/skinless breasts were fully adequate at some points, well cleared at others. Bone-in breasts were adequate. Tenders, boneless skinless thighs and wings were barely adequate to short. Leg cuts were in generally good balance.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	55-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	60.70
NO. OF BOXES	11,380

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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